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Membership drive held

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley held an Ice Cream Social Aug. 21 at Custer House as part of a membership drive.

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Opposing Forces battle it out

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Tygart, 1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Des Moines, Iowa, pulls rear security as his team moves into position for a sniper attack. Teams performed four tactical missions over the course of the OPFOR Challenge, two during the day and two at night.



Post/Wood



Post/Wood

Sgt. Noel Zuniga, 2nd Bn., 381st Inf., 4th Bde., 75th Div., Dallas, anchors the right end of the M16 qualification event. Each Soldier was given 40 rounds and one chance to qualify.

Challenge tests troop skills

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

The grass barely rustled as the soldiers moved into position. The target had been identified and now only the kill was left to be made. With movements slow and steady, the rifle was brought into position and a single shot rang out into the woods. The target fell to the ground without a word as his entourage frantically searched the tree line hoping to get a shot off against the attackers, but to no avail. With the same stealth that the team entered the area, they were gone.

As the team left the area, the team leader

sent in their SALUTE report. With a grin mirrored on all the faces in the group, the report ended with "One shot. One kill. Out."

Tension eased, and the group headed back toward the area of engagement. They were not going back for more, but to get an after action report from "the general" and his staff. This wasn't a real world scenario, but it was as close as anyone could possibly make it. The sniper team was one of six squads vying for the title of best Opposing Force team in the 75th Division during the OPFOR Challenge held at Fort Riley Aug. 11-14, and this group had performed their mission to

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Fort Riley Armor unit works with MPs

By Maj. William Walski
1st Bn., 13th Armor

Lt. Col. Francis Sherman, Jr., commander, 1st Battalion, 13th Armored Regiment, calls the 2nd Platoon of 143rd Military Police Company "the best Military Police unit he has worked with during his 20 years of active duty service in the Army."

"I have worked with a variety of MP units, including those from active duty and the Reserves, and there are none better than the ones I have working for me right now in Kadhiyia," Sherman said. What makes this team, based out of Hartford, Conn. so effective? Fundamentally, it is their ability to integrate both their civilian and military background into the roles they perform in order to successfully complete them all, he said.

Included in this 27-person MP platoon are soldiers whose civilian jobs include state troopers, policemen, police academy instructors, corrections officers and criminal justice majors. In other words, the knowledge they bring from their various law enforcement related civilian jobs is instrumental in allowing them to understand how to do the civil-military jobs they are asked to do in Baghdad.

These jobs revolve around two fundamental roles - their military security missions and their Iraqi Police Force training mission. The platoon's National Guard military background allows them to work hand in hand with the 1st Bn., 13th Armor Task Force to fulfill the security requirements of the Kadhiyia District of Baghdad.

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Strategy change speeds Army new assault rifle development

By Beau Whittington
Army News Service

A strategy change at the Program Executive Office, Soldier has accelerated the development of a potential replacement for the Army's assault weapons.

Lt. Col. Matthew Clarke, project manager for individual weapons at the Picatinny, N.J., research facility said the Army has ordered 200 XM8's for the Army Test and Evaluation Command to test during the last quarter of the year.

The heart of the weapon is the kinetic energy portion of the Heckler & Koch XM29 — known as the objective individual combat weapon — successfully

tested four years ago.

The XM29 is an integrated dual-munitions bursting weapon. It has an over and under barrel with a fire control. The top barrel fires bursting munitions using a fire control that programs the round, telling it where to explode.

"It knows where to blow up," Clarke explained. "The fire control has a ballistic computer with a range finder allowing it to program the round to within one meter of its target."

The bottom portion of the weapon is a 5.56mm assault rifle.

The original requirement called for the weapon to pull apart, providing separate assault and bursting munitions weapons.

When Clarke arrived at the center nine months ago the \$50-million project had produced nothing for the field, even though the prototype proved successful years earlier.

Analyzing the progress, Clarke and his staff made a major strategy shift to get a new generation of arms to the field. They moved from what he defined as an "evolutionary approach" to "spiral development."

Under the evolution strategy, developers planned to build a complete system, then improve on it. The first built would be about an 80 percent solution. The second about 90 percent and the third would be 100 percent.

"That approach bothered us because it would take too long to get new technology in the soldiers' hands," Clarke explained.

Under the spiral approach, the team broke the system into subsystems. This allows the parts to mature individually before being integrated into a single system.

This tack will put the technology in the field years before it could have been done under the original approach, Clarke said.

While the project manager emphasizes a lot of scrutiny remains before the XM8 could become the new generation assault rifle, he's confident the evaluations will be positive.

That confidence stems from H & K's initial test against an assault rifle system similar to the one being used in the MX8.

Testers fired several hundred thousand rounds through a variety of different weapons. For instance, they took 10 weapons and fired 10,000 out of each weapon without cleaning them. Of the ten weapons tested there was only one mechanical failure. Additionally, the weapons' accuracy shifted less than 5 percent from factory specifications.

"Such a firing would wear out the weapons currently in our inventory," Clarke said.

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Safety major concern over holiday weekend

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

The Labor Day weekend is here and post officials are stressing safety and an extra serving of caution from all those who plan to play this weekend.

In a letter to the post, Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, said, "Current statistics for the 101 days of summer include: 11 privately owned vehicle accidents, one drowning incident in which a soldier and his son died and one off-duty burn victim. The costs of the 11 POV accidents were one fatality, over 132 hospital days and over 123 lost workdays."

Paul Inman, chief safety division noted that the post is concentrating their concern on POV and

motorcycle safety over the holiday, but there are quite a few areas that soldiers and their families need to watch out for to keep

themselves safe and out of harm's way.

Inspections of all POVs have been ordered by the commanding general and are to be completed before any major holiday break or leave, said Alex Bender, base operations safety specialist.

"The problem is that they are

not being conducted a week ahead, said Bender. "There is no time for the soldier to react to the inspection. If they inspect it any

later than a week, the soldier may not be able to correct the problem, and we end up jerking it around when we ground it."

"Whatever decision you choose to make on this, be prepared to deal with the consequences of your choice."

—Capt. Janine Taylor
Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
24th Infantry Division

Drinking and driving is always a major concern for soldier safety, said Inman, and that concern is magnified with a holiday.

The Safety Division, along with the U.S. Army Safety Center, has put together facts about DUI, including myths about drinking and driving and statistics about the growing problem.

Statistics provided state that approximately 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. are able to alcohol related and that two out of every five Americans will find themselves in an alcohol related crash sometime during their lives.

"Whatever decision you choose to make on this, be prepared to deal with the consequences of your choice, said Capt. Janine Taylor, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and U.S. Army Garrison.

"Keep in mind that the choices that you make today will affect the ability to support your friends

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Former Fort Riley officer pins on fourth star

Army News Service

The U.S. Special Operations Command soon-to-be commander, Gen. Bryan D. Brown, pinned on his fourth star Aug. 25 at Fort Bragg, N.C. The new four-star general will assume command Tuesday.

Brown, an aviator and Special Forces officer, is currently the deputy commander of USSOCOM, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is scheduled to officiate the change of command ceremony during which Air Force Gen. Charles R. Holland, who led USSOCOM for three years, will hand over the command reins to Brown.

Brown will lead the command that consists of about 47,000 Army, Navy, Air Force Special Operations Forces personnel and both active and reserve Marines. All forces are organized into a variety of land, sea and aerospace forces.

As a general officer, Brown served as assistant division commander (Maneuver), 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Riley. He also served as director of Plans, Policy and Strategic Assessments at USSOCOM, and commanding general for Joint Special Operations Command and USSOCOM, Fort Bragg, N.C.





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Victory Six Sends: Safety key to Labor Day weekend fun

The Labor Day holiday traditionally marks the end of summer, when many of you—soldiers, civilians and families—will be traveling over the long weekend to go boating, swimming or to simply get away while the weather is still good. We seriously encourage everyone, whether you stay at home or travel, to pay extra attention to safety. Where our safety record is concerned, Fiscal Year 2003 has not been a good year for Fort Riley.

Even with major deployments, current statistics for the 101 days of summer include: eleven privately owned vehicle accidents; one drowning incident, in which a soldier and his son died; and one off-duty burn victim. The costs of the eleven POV accidents were one fatality, over 132 hospital days and over 123 lost workdays. Significantly, eight of the eleven accidents involved motorcycles or all terrain vehicles. Trends demonstrated

by the POV accidents included a lack of situational awareness, overestimating personal ability, failing to wear helmets, excessive speed and no Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course. The drowning victims failed to wear personal flotation devices, which could have saved their lives. Finally, the burn incident was a result of a soldier falling asleep with his leg on a campfire ring. The bottom line is, too many of us are getting hurt by our own carelessness, lack of situational awareness and/or overestimating our personal abilities.

Recently at the Forces Command Safety Conference, Gen. Ellis shared his safety concerns. Privately Owned Vehicle safety and holiday safety were two of his eight priority concerns. The POV Safety Risks highlighted were: Driving when tired—proven to be as deadly as driving while intoxicated, aggressive driving,

including speeding and not focusing on the task at hand; increased motorcycle/ATV use; substance abuse; unsafe vehicle operations, including operating non-road worthy vehicles; inexperienced drivers; degradation of POV driving skills resulting from extended deployments; distracted drivers; failure to use seat belts and failure to wear personal protective equipment while operating motorcycles and ATVs. The Holiday Risks he addressed were: Conducting high risk off-duty activities which have no definable standards or controls; human factors such as overconfidence, complacency to off-duty hazards and at-risk behavior; activities conducted in remote areas; exposure to high risk activities, such as hunting, camping, fishing, all terrain vehicles, boating and heater operations.

To ensure our personnel understand

both the risks and controls, I expect commanders, directors and leaders to talk to their soldiers and civilian employees about these issues. Labor Day weekend briefings should address POV safety, travel planning, drinking and driving, swimming and boating safety, etc. Conducting an off duty risk assessment and completing the risk assessment questionnaire are ways leaders can provide their personnel with guidance and countermeasures to control hazards. Education and enforcement of set standards reduces hazards to our soldiers and employees. Safety education materials are available at: <http://www.riley.army.mil/services/fort/Safety.asp>

Remember—always wear your seat-belt, get sufficient rest before you get behind the wheel and never drink alcohol or consume other inhibiting substances before or while driving. Do not drive more than two or three hours at a time

without a break. Do not drive more than eight hours before resting for the night. If you plan to go boating over the long weekend, remember to observe boating laws, wear your life preserver and don't drink alcohol. If you plan on swimming, remember to swim with a buddy and swim in designated areas. Wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water to prevent heat related injuries. Alcohol, soda, tea and coffee are not substitutes for water.

Enjoy the Labor Day weekend, and take a moment to reflect on the freedom we enjoy, remembering our comrades who are deployed. They make this freedom a reality. Have a pleasant Labor Day weekend and a safe return.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy
U.S. Army
Commanding

News from Baghdad

Task Force 1-13 Release

Kadhimiya, Baghdad - A symbolic step in the reconstruction efforts in Iraq occurred during the Kadhimiya Interim District Advisory Council meeting Aug. 20. This historic meeting was the first held in the newly renovated council hall. During the meeting, Task Force 1st Battalion, 13th Armor handed over the keys to the council facility to Mohamed Bakr Al Soheil, the council's chairperson. The Task Force was responsible for

selecting and refurbishing the facility to serve over 900,000 residents of the Kadhimiya district in Baghdad. The task force located a local Iraqi contractor to renovate the building, which had been completely looted of doors, windows, security gates, main wiring, fans and air conditioners. This renovation took over two weeks and cost over \$15,000. The fully staffed and furnished facility will serve as a key location for citizens to coordinate activities and express concerns to the newly formed Interim City Advisory Council.



Task Force 1-13 Photo

District Advisory Committee Building under renovation after looters took everything except the cement frame.

Grunt

By Wayne Uhden



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Weekend

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and family tomorrow. When you start to see the domino effect of one soldier's selfish act it really hits home."

Safety officials also want to alert soldiers to the dangers of driver fatigue.

"Driving fatigued is basically the same as driving intoxicated. It has the same effect on the human body, affecting judgment, balance and more," said Inman.

Inman recommends getting a good night's rest and planning to drive long trips with a friend. Scheduling regular stops every 100 miles or two hours will also help keep drivers alert, as well as avoiding alcohol and medications that could impair driving performance.

Motorcycle safety has also become a major concern with post officials with a rash of accidents that have plagued the post recently.

Riders are getting "Hollywood Syndrome," said Bender. "They wear all of their helmets and safety gear, but as soon as they hit the gates, they are cheesy riders. They get out there and want to be cool and get hurt."

"We suspect, but we cannot

prove, that they are trying to emulate the extreme bike riding—popping wheelies at 60 mph, trying to pop up the rear wheel—and their injuries were much worse because they were not wearing helmets," said Inman.

Inman noted that if motorcycle riders do not wear all of the required safety equipment on or off post, insurance and federal benefits may be affected. "It is a factor in determining line of duty injury and determining whether or not the Army will cover your health care," said Inman. "I know that the CG is going to have zero tolerance for not using safety equipment on or off post."

Boating safety is always a concern for post officials, but has come to a head with the recent death of a soldier and his son in a boating accident. Neither of the two were wearing life vests, said Bender.

"All children under the age of 12 have to wear a life jacket, and life jackets must be available for everyone in the boat," said Inman. "Kansas law for drinking while you are boating is just as severe as while you are driving. They can revoke your drivers license just like if you were in a car. They actually stop you and do breathalyzers while you are on the water."

Finally, on hot summer days, hydration comes into play.

"It's going to be hot and people are going to be out enjoying it. There are going to be softball tournaments, kids out at the lake running around—parents need to monitor their kids and themselves to avoid injuries," said Inman.

"I just think that they need to have a wonderful and enjoyable weekend, do it safely and be responsible for their actions," said Inman.

For more information on safety, including training materials and safety checklists, go to the Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil and click on command safety.

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Personnel director launches veteran recruitment program

OPM Release

Veterans will soon receive additional incentive and assistance as they transition from military service into the Federal workforce. Office of Personnel Management Director Kay Coles James announced the launch of the Veteran Invitational Program, an educational and recruitment strategy which targets military personnel who are transitioning to civilian life.

The program is an effort by OPM and the Transition Assistance Program offices on military bases. VIP will target veterans nationwide by providing informative educational tools and publications to Veteran Services Organizations and federal regional offices of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Labor. OPM will distribute posters and pamphlets as well as providing a Web link for organizations like American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans.

"President Bush wants to make every effort to assist our veterans as they transition to civilian life," James said. "Veterans represent a loyal and dedicated workforce that federal agencies and departments must tap into as they seek to successfully meet their goals and missions. Veterans' preference offers individuals who have served America in the armed services the ability to transfer their skills from the military service to the civil service with due preference through the process. The new VIP program will educate veterans and allow a timely and accurate dispersion of information on job opportunities in the federal workforce."

"We applaud this action by OPM. Transitioning service personnel are highly trained and possess skills that readily apply to the federal job market. Veterans are a resource that must not be ignored," said Ray Sisk, VFW commander-in-chief.

Coupled with the recent launch

of the new Web site — usajobs.opm.gov — the VIP program is another critical piece in OPM's effort to fulfill the President's Management Agenda, an effort to ensure that opportunities in the federal government are easily accessible to everyone. OPM recently revised the new Web site to reposition the interactive prompt for veterans and is encouraging veteran service organizations to provide even more feedback to make the site user-friendly for America's veterans.

"It is imperative that we make this information available to our veterans," James said. "These men and women are some of the most qualified candidates in skills, talents and their commitment to our nation. They have sacrificed to secure the freedom of this great nation. As our President continues to make veterans' preference a top priority, the VIP will ensure their tireless sense of service is rewarded."

Talk Around Town

"What is Fort Riley's greatest asset?"



"Fort Riley's greatest asset is the Fort Riley Team: Soldiers, family members and DA civilians. Hooah."

Command Sgt. Maj.
Gilbert L. Camuela
24th Infantry Division
and Fort Riley Command Sergeant Major



"I honestly have to say that the hard working, dedicated soldiers are the best thing Fort Riley has to offer."

Staff Sgt. Christopher L. Stice
596th Signal Company
Information Management Officer



"Our soldiers are Fort Riley's greatest asset because of their dedication to duty. Faced with long family separations, soldiers proudly step up to and complete their missions."

Capt. Janine Taylor
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division

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The Test and Evaluation Command will use two types of testing — developmental and operational — to ascertain the XM8's viability. Developmental testing is similar to what Consumer Reports magazine would do, Clarke explained.

"We will super-cool the weapon. We will fire it to failure to see what breaks," Clarke explained. "We'll drop it, we'll put chemicals on it to see how it reacts. That will provide the hard data to build a case for reliability, availability and maintainability, or not."

At the same time, testers will bring soldiers into the loop for limited operational testing.

"We will get soldiers to use the weapons in harsh conditions and get their opinions," Clarke continued.

"The proof will come when we

start testing," Clarke said. "We have some theoretical numbers, but we will build weapons and we will test them hard. And, if the system is not significantly better than the existing weapons it's not going anywhere."

Discussions in forum on the Infantry web site, www.infantry.army.mil, show some infantrymen question the value of fielding a new assault rifle delivering the same 5.56mm rounds already in service. They question the gain. Clarke, however, sees a lot of value added.

The XM8 is designed so the user — either in the field or at the unit — will be able to switch out barrel lengths ranging from an assault weapon to an automatic rifle version.

"That means commanders will have the ability to tailor their

weapon systems to day or night, like we do today, and for specific functions for soldiers throughout the unit," Clarke explained.

Moreover, using the same weapons platform reduces the logistics burden of using various weapons. Today, the M4s and M16s have only about an 80 percent commonality in parts. The XM8 we will have a 100 percent commonality.

The key is integrating functionality and improving modularity, reliability and durability while reducing weight, Clarke said.

"We'll either do it or we won't," he said. "If we do it and the Infantry wants it, then we will continue. If not, we won't."

"If everything goes green light across the board," Clarke said. "The weapon could begin reaching the field as early as the middle of fiscal year 2006."

Hunter Education Class scheduled

The Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, will host a Hunter Education Class beginning on Sept. 11. The class will consist of three sessions.

Registration will be at the Outdoor Recreation Center and you must register in person. There is a \$10 deposit per student which is refundable when the student arrives at class.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation, 239-2363 or 239-2249.

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Briefs

Apple Day

It's that time of year. The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is preparing Apple Pies for this year's Apple Day on Oct. 4. Presale Pies are available until Sept. 26, for \$7. Pies will also be sold at Apple Day. Order forms may be picked up or dropped off at 22A Sheridan Ave. on Main Post. Volunteers are needed to help make the pies. To volunteer, call Joanne Gulotta at 784-4922.

Girl Scouts

There will be a Girl Scout recruitment night tonight, 6 - 7 p.m. at the Ware Elementary School gym. There is a \$10 annual membership fee, but scholarship funds are available. Volunteers are needed to be troop leaders and co-leaders. Call 210-1208 for more information.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts will be hosting a school night for scouting at the

Fort Riley Elementary School tonight, 7 p.m. All Scouts are encouraged to bring a parent and come join the fun.

K-State/Fort Riley Day

Fort Riley soldiers and their families are invited to attend the K-State Football game at Wagner Field on Sept. 6, for a discounted price to celebrate the annual K-State/Fort Riley Day. Selected Fort Riley soldiers are participating in pre-game and half time activities and a slide show will showcase Fort Riley's 150 years of service to America.

The fifth-ranked Wildcats will play McNeese State at 6:10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Information, Ticketing and Registration, 239-5614, for \$16 each.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the holiday on Monday, the Refuse Collection will change as follows: Monday - No Collection; Tuesday - Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing and Marshall

Air Field Housing; Wednesday - Ellis Heights, Monteth Heights, Peterson Heights and O'Donnell Heights;

Thursday - Burnside Heights and Warner Heights and Friday - South Peterson, South Warner, McClellan Heights and Meade Heights.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have their Fall Kick Off Sept. 4, 7 p.m., at Morris Hill Chapel. The theme is "Well-Come to the Living Water." Come for fun, food and fellowship. Also sign up for the fall weekly meetings. Free childcare will be available. For more information, call 717-3032.

Recruit the Recruiter

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become recruiters. Attendance by

all NCO's is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty. A personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. Briefings will held at the Command Retention Office, building 7626, Sept. 10 and 11, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Vehicle Registration Hours

Effective Sept. 8, the Vehicle Registration Office, building 210, will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. - noon. The office is closed on holidays. Customers should plan to arrive 30 minutes before close of business due to possible delays.

Piano Lessons

Child and Youth Services is offering piano lessons for children ages 5-18 at the Fort Riley Teen Center beginning in September. Classes will run once a week for one half hour. The instructor for this year's classes has a Bachelor's Degree in Music and Education and has eight years of teaching experience in both public schools and private music lessons. For more information, contact CYS, 239-4847.

Spiritual Ranger

The Spiritual Ranger program is designed to help males ages 13-21 transition into godly manhood through a series of spiritual and physical training exercises. For more information, contact Don Ericson, director of religious education, 239-0979, or don.ericson@riley.army.mil

Leave Donation

Several Fort Riley employees are experiencing a personal or a family medical emergency and are facing a period of more than 24 hours of Leave Without Pay. The following individuals have requested donated leave: DOL-CPACLT0322, G3-CPACLT0319, G3-CPACLT0220, MEDDAC-CPACLT0320, MEDDAC-CPA-

CLT0318, MEDDAC-CPA-CLT0321, MEDDAC-CPA-CLT0324, DRM-CPACLT0309 and DES-CPACLT0305.

To donate annual leave to any of the individuals listed above,

complete OPM Form 630. This form is located on the CPAC Intranet web site under "Forms." Completed forms should be forwarded to Sonja Elzy or Gerlean Baylor, CPAC.

For additional information on

Holiday hours posted

Bowling Alley

Friday - Saturday 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Sunday - Monday Closed
Tuesday 5 - 11 p.m.

Custer Hill Golf Course

Friday - Monday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday Closed

Rally Point

Friday - Saturday 5 p.m. - 4 a.m.
Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Rally Point Lunch

Friday - Tuesday Closed

Outdoor Recreation

Friday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Program

Friday Closed
Saturday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday Closed
Tuesday 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Sales Store

Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday Closed
Tuesday 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Automotive Skills Center

Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Several facilities change hours

Facility	New Hours	Effective Date	Popeyes	No Change	
Main Store	Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Sept. 1	Pizza Hut	Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday Closed	In Effect
MCSS (Military Clothing)	Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday Closed	Sept. 1	Food Court	Monday - Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	In Effect
Custer Hill Shoppette	Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Sept. 1	Colters BBQ	Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday Closed	In Effect
Main Post Shoppette	Monday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Sept. 1	Cinnabon	Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	In Effect
Forsyth Shoppette	Open 24 hours		Class Six	No Change Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
Sports Page	Closed Sept. 1 - April 4				
Burger King	Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Sept. 1			

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leave donation procedures, contact Sonja Elzy, 239-6080.

Hunter Education

The Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, will host a Hunter Education Class beginning on Sept. 11. The class will consist of three sessions. The first session will begin on Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m., and will last approximately four hours. The second session will begin on Sept. 12, at 5:30 p.m., and will last approximately four hours. The third session will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Sept. 13, and last approximately four hours. Class size will be limited to 35 students. Registration will be at the Outdoor Recreation Center. People must register in person. There is a \$10 deposit per student which is refundable when the student arrives at class. If there are any questions, call Outdoor Recreation, 239-2363 or 239-2249.

Case Lot Sale

A worldwide case lot sale is coming to the Commissary Sept. 6, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. This huge sale will be the third annual "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale" with most of your favorite products available by the case. Don't miss this one! It's a great opportunity to stock the family pantry.

Warrant Officer Recruiting

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief qualifica-

tions and application procedures to soldiers interested in becoming warrant officers.

Soldiers interested in becoming warrant officer technicians or aviators are encouraged to attend one of the briefings. The briefings will be held at the Command Retention Office, building 7626, Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Oct. 8, 9:30 p.m.

For more information, call DSN: 856-4216 or visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant

SAEDA Classes

The Fort Riley director of security will be holding the required Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army classes Sept. 22 - 26, at the Patton Hall auditorium, building 200. This is required training for all soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians. The times for classes are: Sept. 22, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sept. 23, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sept. 24, 2 p.m.; Sept. 25, 2 p.m. and Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Veteran Affairs Services

The Administrative Law Office is requesting information from soldiers who have had dealings with the private company "Veteran Affairs Services" or their subsidiaries. To help with the enquiry, call 239-2717.

CYS Registration

Registration has begun for Child and Youth Services instructional classes in dance, gymnastics, martial arts, cheerleading and piano. Classes begin Tuesday.

The cost for all classes except piano and gymnastics exhibition class will be \$25 per month. Piano will be \$45 per month. Gymnastics exhibition class will be \$35 per month.

Walk-in enrollment is Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., for those who have already been registered with CYS. A sports physical will be required this year. You will have up to 60 days after classes begin to turn in your sports physical.

Call CYS, 239-9478 or 239-4847, for more information.

Construction

Fort Riley's new Waste Water Treatment Plant is under construction. This plant will replace the three existing plants, which were built in the 1940s and 1950s. As part of the construction, the contractor will need to close some roads in order to install new underground pipes. For the next 50 days, Caissan Hill Road starting just north of Irwin Army Community Hospital will be closed. For more information, call 239-6942.

Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers. Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations (in good condition) from your house.

Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each

month.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "Farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer! The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of East Manhattan meets the third Friday of each month, 9:30 a.m., at the First Christian Church (not affiliated). You can enjoy fun with other moms, play groups, projects and tours throughout the month. Children are welcome at all activities. For more information, call Christa Vizner (785)494-2026. Annual dues are \$18, but you can try it out without obligation.

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses Club is a service organization designed for Enlisted Spouses E1 - E9, active duty, retirees or widows. The club helps support Fort Riley and surrounding communities with donations to worthy causes as well as the donation of time and services to projects. The second purpose of ESC is to foster and promote recreational and social activities among the members while providing a support system for the enlisted spouses of Fort Riley.

For more information on the club or upcoming meetings, call 784-3191.

Retirement Ceremony

Five soldiers and two civilian employees were recognized for their service to their country and the U.S. Army at the Post Retirement Ceremony yesterday at Cavalry Parade Field.

The following soldiers retired: Sgt. Maj. John William Codney, Sgt. First Class Gilbert Simmons, Sgt. First Class Bancroft Norman Golding, Sgt. First Class Michael Anthony Puno and Sgt. First

Civilian employees, Gordon L. Farmer and John A. Syko, also retired.

Spanish Mass

Beginning Sept. 7, St. Xavier Catholic Church, 218 N. Washington St., Junction City, will have a Spanish Mass, Sundays, 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation/confession will be at 4 p.m. For more information, call 223-5608 or 784-5489.

Deployment stipends will continue

Army News Service

Soldiers deployed to high threat areas will continue to receive Imminent Danger Pay and Family Separation Pay when the new fiscal year starts Oct. 1, said Department of Defense officials Aug. 15.

In April, Congress authorized an increase in both Family Separation Allowance, from \$100 to \$250, and Imminent Danger Pay, from \$150 to \$225.

These increases were part of the FY 03 DoD Supplemental Funding. This funding was temporary and will expire Sept. 30 at the end of this fiscal year.

If Congress doesn't vote to renew the increases in Family Separation and Imminent Danger Pay, the DoD will use "other authority available to the department to make up for any shortfalls," a DoD press release stated.

Class Jeffrey Lynn Hill.

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Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Tygart, 1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Inf., moves through the foliage on his way to the Sniper Lane. Tygart's team took second place overall in the OPFOR Challenge.



Staff Sgt. Eric Summers, 1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 7
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OPFOR Challenge

Overall rankings

1st Place 2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div.,

2nd Place 1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div.,

3rd Place 1st Bn., 289th Inf., 4th Bde., 75th Div.,

Outstanding Individual Perform

Individual PT Award

Sgt. Lourdes James 1st Bn., 289th Inf., 4th Bde., 75th

Individual Marksmanship

Sgt John McBride 1st Bn., 289th Inf., 4th Bde., 75th I
Cpl. Jason Rouse, 2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th

Team event awards

Army Physical Fitness Test

2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Leavenworth



Sgt 1st. Class Benjamin Meek, 2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Leavenworth, moves out with his team in close pursuit during the obstacle portion of the OPFOR Challenge. Leavenworth won the challenge with five first place finishes in individual events.

OPFOR Challenge continued from

perfection. This year's competition was brutal. After the smoke cleared, 2nd Battalion, 383rd Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division, Leavenworth, not only won the competition, but also took first place in five of the eight individual events.

The OPFOR Challenge is a fierce competition designed to pit individual OPFOR units from the 75th Division in a contest of both physical conditioning and knowledge, said Lt. Col. J.K. McGee, brigade S-3, 3rd

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Sgt. 1st Class Bennie Houston, 2nd Bn., 290th Inf., 4th Bde., 75th Div., Oklahoma City, strains to give his team more points on the obstacle course.



75th Div., Des Moines, Iowa, negotiates the barbed wire obstacle during the OPFOR Challenges as a team and were scored on time and proper execution of each obstacle.

ige winners announced

Leavenworth	Obstacle Course
Des Moines, Iowa	2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Leavenworth
Houston	M-16 Live Fire Qualification
	2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Leavenworth
rmance	Night Land Navigation
h Div., Houston	1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Des Moines, Iowa
Div., Houston	Tactical Missions events
h Div., Leavenworth	1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Des Moines, Iowa
	2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Leavenworth
th	Eight Mile Foot March with rucksack
	2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 3rd Bde., 75th Div., Leavenworth

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paration to their normal militi-
uties.
e easy part is the competi-
said Staff Sgt Richard Yza-
1st Bn., 289th Inf., Houston.
hard part is training for it—
ing road marches, getting up
and doing the obstacle course
times a day. We have been
3 months and it has been
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but coming through and fin-
everybody as a team, together,
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units that will be deploying overseas
are going to be seeing," said Master
Sgt. James Thomas, 3rd Bde., 75th
Div., operations sergeant. "Be it
Bosnia or be it Iraq, they are getting
sniped, their vehicles are getting
attacked, and in the rear echelon the
units are actually intermingling with
the troops. So we have these guys
(OPFOR) doing the same thing dur-
ing these tasks. They are being
brought up to snuff on what's actual-
ly going on in the real world right
now. That is the training they are get-
ting so the next time we pull them to
hit a unit, we give the unit a first
class look at what they will be fac-
ing. Hopefully, what we hit them
with will be better than, what the
enemy will hit them with."
"(OPFOR teams) are the ones that
give realism to those training activi-
ties that we ask our client units to
perform," said Brig. Gen. Walter
Zink, deputy division commander
75th Division. "The OPFOR Chal-
enge really...gives you a chance to
get out and test your skills against
other OPFOR teams across the Third
and Fourth brigades."
Even with the spirit of competi-
tion high, the fun of the event was
not overlooked.
"There is nothing that says that
we can't perform to the highest lev-
els, accomplish the mission and pro-
vide outstanding training and not
have fun doing it. You don't have to
be off duty to have fun," said Zink.
"Calling what we do work is a mis-
nomer. Really, what we do is fun. We
do it because we want to do it, and
we enjoy doing it. You do things that
stretch your capabilities and you
look back on it and say 'Man, I could
do a little more than I thought I could
do.' That's why we do the OPFOR
Challenge."
"This is really a chance for these
OPFOR soldiers to take a little bit of
a break from a pretty intense up-
tempo training of Reserve compo-
nent units—mobilizing them, dem-
obilizing them and assisting them dur-

ing their annual training periods.
This is a chance for them to do
something just internal to their unit,"
said Zink.
After three days of events and
very little sleep for the teams, the
challenge was capped by an eight-
mile march with 35-pound ruck-
sacks.
"On the road march it would have
been easy, having been stretched
emotionally, having been stretched
technically and having been
stretched physically for somebody to
say, 'Hey, I'm not going to win this.
I'll just drop out,'" said Zink. "But
on each team's credit, there was that
camaraderie, esprit de corps and
teamwork that allowed each of you
to complete the mission that you
started and complete the road march.
There are no losers in this particular
event. The Army and our client units
are the big winners because of your
willingness to come out to partici-
pate and perform to the highest level
and standards."
With all said and done, many units
left satisfied with their performance,
but ready to come back next year and
make a run for the OPFOR Chal-
enge trophy again.
"In the end, the places for the
units doesn't really matter," said
McGee. "It's good to be able to take
a trophy home. It's good for brag-
ging rights. But in the end, we had
six OPFOR teams that were compet-
ing this year, and in the end we had
24 winners on those six teams. All of
them, no matter who you were, no
matter what you do better or worse
in...you learn things, not only about
yourself but about your teammates."
Zink offered some final words on
what the soldiers had accomplished
over the four-day trial.
"We can't stand still," said Zink.
"We have to continue to increase our
level of professionalism and perfor-
mance. Our adversaries are going to
continue to improve, and we have to
always be two steps ahead of them."

Woman team member first for OPFOR Challenge

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

When the OPFOR Challenge began this year, most people didn't think that there would be a little bit of history made during the competition. But history did get to add a name to its list of firsts as the first female in the three-year history of the OPFOR Challenge took to the field and competed in the infantry style event.
Staff Sgt. Lourdes James, a 31L F with 1st Battalion, 289th Infantry, 4th Brigade, 75th Division, took on the challenge of being the first female on an OPFOR competition team.
"I didn't know if females had ever competed, but I was very interested in it," said James, a mother of two with 11 years in the Army.
"I love doing this kind of thing. It was right down my alley. I was first a 31L and a 31F, and I did a lot of time in the field and in Bosnia. Then, I went to the unit that I am in now, it all kind of died down, and I missed it," she said.
Although James had her doubts as she joined the twenty people competing for the four spots on the team. By the end of the tryouts, she was sure she was in.
That was only the beginning for James.
"We have trained pretty hard. There were times that I thought maybe I wasn't the best candidate for it because I was a woman, and I voiced that a lot of times because I don't want to be in it if I am not the best candidate," said James. "In the end, they said that they were not going to choose you if you were not the best candidate. I made sure that I was not going into it for any other reason other than I was prepared and the best candidate to be on the team."

First Lt. Derrick Hart, 1st Battalion, 289th Infantry, 4th Bde., 75th Inf. Div., trained the squad, never having any issues with breaking the stereotype of a combat team.
"I've never had a question that women can't do the job. Most of it is that they don't want to do it or are not trained," said Hart. "There are always the few like Sgt. James that are just as capable as a man but have never been trained on how to be infantry soldiers. For me, green is green, and she out-

performed many of the men in our unit. I think for her it was the drive. She has an awesome intensity to be the best, and that's what kept her in."
When James initially arrived at Riley and the team started to prepare for the events, many of the soldiers involved mistook her for the administration person each team brought with them. That problem was solved at the first event of the challenge.
"We had a couple reactions at the PT test because that was when people started realizing that there was a female actually competing," said Hart.
"Everybody assumed that she was the log person up until she showed up in a PT uniform. I listened to some of the other log guys that didn't know that she was on our team, and they couldn't believe the unit from Houston had a female on the team."

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—First Lt. Derrick Hart
1st Battalion, 289th Infantry



Staff Sgt. Lourdes James, 1st Bn., 289th Inf., 4th Bde., 75th Div., Houston, moves over the three rope bridge during the obstacle course portion of the OPFOR Challenge. James is the first female to participate as a team member since the challenge began.

James quieted the crowd with her performance. Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brigade, 75th Infantry Division, commented on James performance in his closing address to the soldiers involved in the challenge.
"James did the best push-ups I have seen any soldier do," said Gulotta. "She knocked out 60 of the most beautiful, perfect push-ups, and I knew that was a female soldier that I didn't want to mess with. She's tough—And, you saw her coming in with that rucksack on her back, running most of the way with her team. When you look at a female soldier like that, you know that when they put their minds to it, and work hard and train hard, they can do just about anything men can do."
James took those perfect push ups and maxed her event with 30 seconds to spare, and then capped the performance with a max in the sit-ups and a run that brought her in ahead of half of the male competitors in that event, according to Hart.
James knew that they had something special, as the looks of the competitors in the events started to change to looks of respect as the team moved through the different events.
"I was definitely going to be the secret weapon out here because I can max out the PT

test. So, that is an advantage the other teams would not expect," said James. "My communication skills have also come in real handy out here."
Even though James was the first female to break into the OPFOR Challenge, she doubts that she will be the last.
"I guess it would have been interesting to see more females out here. I would like to see more compete," said James. "I should not be an all male, testosterone driven event." "There are females who enjoy this. It's not just the men. Females don't know what they are missing," she said.
At the end of the contest, James shocked the crowd with one last feat. During the awards ceremony, James was recognized as the top scorer in the PT event. The applause was thunderous as she stepped up to receive her certificate from Brig. Gen. Walter Zink, deputy division commander, 75th Division.
Lt. Col. J.K. McGee also commended James' performance in the challenge.
"Sgt. James from 4th Brigade is tough as nails. I think that she has all of the right stuff," said McGee.
"She stuck out just because of the level of performance that she showed in the OPFOR Challenge," he said.
After the contest was over and the teams started to move back to the grind of a soldiers life, James reflected on one guilty pleasure she would take home with her.
"Just the fact that we are making everybody feel bad that they are competing with a girl and rubbing it in, in that feels pretty good," said James.



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Soccer camp not just for kicks

Stephanie Schaefer sprints with a soccer ball toward a rushing defender during a scrimmage game on the last day of the 2003 Youth Soccer Camp.



Youth learn lessons in soccer, fun

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The weeklong 2003 Youth Soccer Camp concluded Friday and a total of 47 kids were involved in the event which included learning and practicing the fundamentals of the game.

The camp was geared toward preparing athletes for the upcoming 2003 Fort Riley Youth Soccer League's fall season.

"The purpose of the camp is to get the kids focused on the fall soccer season that's about to start in three weeks," said Danny Durkee, youth sports director, Fort Riley.

The camp's coaches took the event very seriously. "We have to get them ready for the season because it is coming pretty soon. Since they haven't been playing all summer, we have to get them ready for when the actual season begins," said Stephanie Schaefer, soccer camp coach. "I'm here to get them into the game because sometimes they will want to just goof off."

The camp is important for the players as well.

"This camp is very important for them," said Schaefer. "It helps them improve on a variety of skills they will use during the season. We had it set up where they would practice on

one aspect of the game each day they were here."

"This will teach them a lot of the fundamentals they will need during the season," said Patricia Verschage, soccer league coach. "Some of the kids are new and trying this out for the first time, and this enables them to learn how pass, dribble, how to volley the ball in with their head the correct way, basic defense — just the skills they will need to give them the confidence they will need to go play in the fall season."

Learning the fundamentals of the game will have an impact for those players that attended the camp.

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Parents and their kids do battle on the soccer field Friday at the Colyer Manor Youth Soccer Field. The game was on the last day of the 2003 Youth Soccer Camp.

Register for Army 10-Miler

By Pfc. Justin Nieto
Army News Service

Runners wishing to compete in this year's Army 10-Miler won't be running to the mailbox to enter. The mail-in registration deadline for the 19th running ended Aug. 15, leaving only Internet-based registration still open.

There are fewer than 5,000 spots left before registration hits 18,000, the number of registrants the U.S. Army Military District of Washington is accepting this year. Event director Jim Vandak said all registration will close Sept. 5 in any event, one month prior to the Oct. 5 race date.

Organizers welcome the public at large to what has become the largest 10-mile field in the country. Information about the race — including its associated events, the various individual and team divisions — is carried on the official web site, www.armytenmiler.com, which is also where one must now go to register.

Vandak said runners aren't the only people needed to register. "We need over 500 volunteers to mainly help out with race operations on race day," said Vandak, "and that means packet distribution on the Friday and Saturday before the race, running water points the day of the race and helping with chip collection and other tasks at the race conclusion."

Volunteers can register in the same manner as runners, via the web site, but organizations with 10 or more persons wanting to volunteer are asked to call the Army 10-Miler office.

For additional information concerning the Army 10-Miler, or if you are part of a volunteer group of 10 or more, contact the event office at (202) 685-3361.

Road to Heisman Trophy has high traffic volume before season starts

By Chris Walz
Pentagram

The college football season is ready to kick off and there's no doubt NFL scouts are going to be busy this year.

There are plenty of offensive, and some two-way players, who are going to vie for some very important hardware — the Heisman Trophy. What about the national championship trophy, you ask? Well, that's important too. Only three or four teams will realistically have a shot to go to the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Here are 11 early front-runners for the stiff-armed statuette, in no particular

order, and some dark horses who may demand attention from voters.

Ohio State running back Maurice Claret has all the prerequisites for the trophy, but lacks the prerequisites in the classroom. The true freshman's stats are impressive — he rushed for 1,237 yards and 16 touchdowns as a true freshman.

The Buckeyes are ranked second in the preseason polls and that can only help his case. Barring another injury-plagued season, Claret could top 1,700 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns this season. But, the NCAA is investigating the sophomore for possibly receiving preferential treatment in the classroom and having an estimated \$6,000 stolen from his loaner

car. He can be considered a top three Heisman hopeful — if he is allowed to play this season.

Another Ohio State standout, Chris Gamble, could take his teammate's spot if the investigation doesn't go well for Claret. Gamble made some noise for Heisman consideration last year, but fatigue slowed him late in the season. Gamble does it all — he is the team's top receiver, top defensive back and primary kick returner. The Buckeyes had a Swiss cheese like defensive backfield until Gamble convinced his coach to put him in as a cornerback halfway through the season. He finished with four interceptions and six pass deflections. If Charles

Woodson can grab bronze for playing both ways, why can't Gamble?

Texas wide receiver Roy Williams is tops on many people's preseason Heisman list. The senior is devastating to defenses — he caught 64 passes for 1,142 yards and 12 touchdowns. Williams' hands are made of glue, and he's one of the fastest guys in college football. Many NFL teams already have him penciled in as the top overall draft choice next year. If he stays healthy, there's little reason to believe he's going to fall any lower than the third pick. One question remains — will Williams give it his all and take home the Heisman or will he play it safe to reduce the risk of injury?

Texas, like the Buckeyes, has two players trying to get a Big Apple invite. Longhorn running back Cedric Benson is built in the mold of Texas' last Heisman winner, Ricky Williams, without the drama. Benson will have to carry a heavy load this year because the team will have to replace Chris Simms. They have two young, highly touted quarterbacks, Chance Mock and Vince Young, vying for the starting role. Both have lots to learn and will need to rely heavily on the running game. Benson rushed for 1,293 yards and 12 touchdowns last year and should improve on those numbers. But, Benson may be in for a long season if

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Before hunting, fishing on post, review regulations, open areas

By Alan Hynek
DES Biologist

Those at Fort Riley are fortunate that there are abundant hunting and fishing opportunities for military and civilians. With the start of dove season on Sept. 1, it is a good time to review the things you need to do before venturing out onto the post.

If you are new to the area and interested in hunting or fishing on post, the following is a good start. For those of who have been around here a while, an occasional refresher is always a good idea.

Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at anytime, without prior notice, due to military activities or impassable roads. The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting and fishing seasons. The following is a summary of the most commonly asked questions regarding hunting

and fishing on Fort Riley.

Where are open areas? The areas open for recreation are updated each Monday and Thursday, but can change on short notice. During the months of September through January and during the spring turkey seasons (usually late April to mid-May), the open areas are as posted at

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each of the nine hunter check stations, on the 24-hour hotline and on the Fort Riley Internet site. At all other times, the open areas are posted on the Internet site and on the 24-hour hotline.

Open Shotgun Areas are available for shotgun hunting with four shot or smaller, muzzleloader, fishing and other outdoor recreation.

Open Rifle Hunting Areas are open for the aforementioned activities, plus rifle hunting.

Open Fuelwood Areas are open

for fuelwood cutting in areas prescribed by the DES, Conservation Division. All individuals must have appropriate Fort Riley, Kansas and federal permits and licenses.

Individuals holding appropriate Fort Riley, Kansas and federal permits and licenses may recreate in any "Open Area" on Fort Riley.

Use of firearms south of Vinton School Road is restricted to those individuals with Department of Defense identification card-holders and their guests.

What about hunter check stations? Each person hunting game animals must register daily at hunter check station. All others using the installation for recreation do not need to register.

There are nine hunter check stations on the installation. If you are hunting, register by stopping at one of the installation's hunter check stations before starting your hunt. At the check station, pick up

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Thomas Dotray holds the blocker while Michael Treat practices his offensive line technique drill during football practice at Fort Riley Middle School. The Troopers' season begins Sept. 4.



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a Daily Registration Form and fill out part one of the form. Deposit part one into the locked box at the check station. Keep part two of the form with you. When you finish hunting that day, deposit it into the locked box at any of the nine check stations. You do not need to return to the same check station at which you deposited part one of the form. Remember, each person must complete a separate Daily Registration Form each day.

Is hunter's orange required? Hunters must wear 200 square inches of blaze orange on their chest and back and a blaze orange cap while they are hunting on Fort Riley. Exceptions to that are when hunting from a stationary blind for prairie chicken, squirrel, morning dove, teal and crows. All hunters and persons on foot in any area open to deer hunting during the Fort Riley Deer Seasons must wear 200 square inches of blaze orange.

What is a Recreational Vehicle Marker? All vehicles being used for recreational activities on Fort Riley must display a Recreational Vehicle Marker. These may be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, or Conservation Division office,

building 1020. There is no charge for the vehicle marker. Vehicle drivers must sign a statement that they will report any suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal's Office. Recreational Vehicle Markers expire on Jan. 31 of each year. Vehicles without a DoD window sticker must also possess a daily pass from one of the Guarded Checkpoints.

What about firearms registration? All firearms must be registered before being brought onto the installation. Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley must register them with their units' arms room. Others may register their firearms at the Provost Marshal Office building 221, 239-6767.

What are the Hunter Education Requirements? Army regulations require all hunters to have completed a certified Hunter Education Course prior to hunting on any Army lands. Hunter Education Courses taken in other states are valid. Person 12 and 13 years old may bowhunt for deer if they have completed a hunter education course and an International Bowhunter Education Program course or equivalent. Such hunters must also hunt within clear sight and hearing of an adult

21 years of age or older. Persons born on or after July 1, 1966, must successfully complete a Kansas Furharvester Education Course or a course approved by Kansas in order to purchase a Kansas furharvester license. Trapping is not allowed on Fort Riley.

What are the shooting limitations? Firearms shall not be fired within 200 meters of any building, body of troops or restricted area, or from or across any improved road. The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 meters of any improved road. Handguns are allowed for hunting purposes on Fort Riley in areas that are open for rifle hunting and as allowed in FR 210-15 and in accordance with Kansas hunting regulations. Target shooting is not allowed on Fort Riley except at the Privately Owned Weapons Range.

For more information, the Open Area Hotline is 239-6669, Conservation Division is 239-6211, Outdoor Recreation Center can be contacted at 239-2249 and the Military Police Game Warden is at 239-6767. You can also find hunting and fishing information on the Internet at www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/

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Routinely, the task force calls on the MP platoon's expertise to conduct patrols, detentions and traffic control points to secure select sectors within the unit's area of responsibility.

The soldiers accomplish these missions by employing their military police expertise through a focal lens of Iraqi cultural norms so that they do not alienate the people they are trying to protect. According to Sergeant Erina Hevey, a loss prevention specialist and criminal justice student in the civilian world, an example of this is that female MPs are responsible for the search of female suspects.

"The females here are very sensitive as to who is allowed to touch them. They respond better to me because I give them the respect they don't get from the males in their society, even though they are not used to seeing a woman as a figure of authority," Hevey said.

Lt. Michael Rossi, the MP platoon leader, said the key to their success in fulfilling these military security missions while attached to TF 1-13 is being co-located with TF 1-13 as a direct support MP platoon. "This has allowed us to be based in the very sectors that we are responsible for policing," he said.

"The task force has given us outstanding support in continuing the 18th MP brigade mission of standing up the IPF and promoting law and order in Baghdad. In return, we provide them with a highly mobile asset for tactical operations and a close link with the Iraqi people through our connection with the Iraqi police and our daily interaction with the citizens of Baghdad."

In addition, Rossi said, "We act as a liaison between the maneuver unit and the Military Police, increasing the communication and coordination between the two."

One of the keys to the MP platoon's success is that they work daily to understand the culture of the police force they are dealing with. Joint patrols normally start and end with the traditional hugs between compatriots as the MPs

continue to try and foster a cooperative environment between the two forces. They then go out to complete their daily joint police operations which, according to Sgt. Jason Bjornberg, Old Saybrook, Conn., a sociology and criminal justice student who spends his summers working for the Department of Environmental Protection, can range from serving warrants to responding to all types of criminal activities including shootings and carjackings. Bjornberg also said the Military Police are instrumental in building a sense of respect among the Iraqi police. "The Iraqi police seem to have had trouble gaining or holding the respect of the local

populous during Saddam's Regime," he said. "Now that the locals see the IPs working with us, doing things correctly, taking pride in their work and respecting the civil rights of the people...the Iraqi public now respects the IPs. That in itself will help bring law and order to the country."

Hevey believes that the MPs interaction with the local police force also gives the IPs a sense of courage.

"When we first got here, the IPs were afraid to work by themselves," he said. "As time goes on, the less they need us because they have found courage in themselves and trust in their partners."

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"The kids that are here will benefit because they are getting hands-on experience from different drills - passing, shooting, trapping, dribbling - so I think they will, when the season begins in a few weeks, benefit from this greatly," said Durkee.

Not only will it benefit those players, it could give them an advantage.

"These 47 kids that attended the camp will have an advantage over the kids that didn't because they will have that extra boost of confidence to get them off on the right foot, especially with the younger players," said Verschage.

The difference is noticeable on the field during the season according to Verschage.

"There is a noticeable difference between the kids that attend this camp to the kids that don't," she said. "My daughter attended it last year, and the things she came out of the camp learning - she was doing things with her feet and maneuvering the ball. When I asked 'Where did you learn that,' she told me at camp. So, all year

long I kept telling the parents to make sure they send them to camp this year."

Even though the camp was filled with practice and drills, it was also had fun for the kids.

While we drill them in practice, we interject enough fun into it that when they leave at the end of the day they are energetic and excited about what they have learned, Verschage said.

Even though some of the kids were skeptical at first, they realized that it was fun.

"At first I didn't think it would be that fun, but then when I actually tried it, it turned out to be really great," said Olivia Huert, 12, soccer camp attendee.

Not only was it fun for Huert, it was a good learning experience that gave her a goal to strive for while not feeling the pressure of competition.

"I believe the camp has taught me how to be a better player because I learned how to kick the ball better with the side of my foot," she said. "I don't try to be

competitive when I play. I just try to do my best. I do have dreams of making a big-time goal though."

Verschage wants the kids to take from the camp more than fundamental skills of the game.

"What I like to teach the kids on my team is that the first three letters of fundamentals are f u n, and being a good sport is everything. If they can learn to be a good sport now, they learn to use that later on in life, and I think that is important," she said.

For the last scrimmage game of the camp, the children's parents were invited to play with them on the field.

"It's like a low-level scrimmage. It's not real intense; at least the parents won't think so," said Durkee.

The traditional parent - child game is also a way for the parents to gain an appreciation of what their child has learned throughout the week.

"It's a little tradition we always do every year with the parents and staff. It's a fun way for the kids to show off their skills to their par-

ents and to each other, and it also helps the parents understand everything their children have

learned while at camp," said Verschage. "The game gives the parents an appreciation of sending

their kids to the camp, and it also lets them know that the money they spent was well worth it."

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defenses play the run and allow defensive backs to take advantage of the Longhorns' inexperienced gunslingers.

Like Claret, North Carolina State's T.A. McLendon is a dominant sophomore running back that wants to show he wasn't just a flash in the pan. McLendon rushed for 1,101 and 18 touchdowns to establish a solid ground game for the Wolfpack. He's not flashy and he certainly doesn't get the hype of Claret or Benson, but he will turn heads this year and make a strong case for the trophy.

McLendon's biggest opposition may come from his teammate, Wolfpack quarterback Phillip Rivers. It's doubtful both will be invited to New York and Rivers' success may steal votes from McLendon. But, Rivers is just as deserving - he completed over 62 percent of his passes for 3,353 yards and 20 touchdowns. If he wants to win the Heisman, he'll have to lead his team to victory over Maryland, the only ACC team he hasn't beat, and a rejuvenated Florida State team.

The top quarterback candidate is perhaps Mississippi's Eli Manning, son of former Saint's great Archie and younger brother of the Colt's Pro-Bowler Peyton. Eli has been an equally celebrated Manning member, but hasn't had a breakout season yet. Manning threw for 3,401 yards and 21 touchdowns, but also had 15 interceptions. It's time for him to find out if he's as good as his father and brother or if he's another Billy Kipken.

Southern California wide receiver Mike Williams has an ordinary name, but extraordinary talents. As a freshman, Williams served as the top target for last year's Heisman winner Carson Palmer and collected 81 balls for 1,265 and 14 touchdowns. If he stays four years, he'll be the most accomplished college receiver.

Wisconsin running back Anthony Davis will not only try for the Big 10 player of the year, but also the Heisman. The short, shifty back is harder to catch than a greasy cheetah. Davis danced his way to more than 1,500 yards in each of the past two seasons and it wouldn't surprise anyone if he gets 2,000 yards this year.

Virginia Tech's Kevin Jones was the top rated high school player in the country only a few years ago, and he is now ready to break out. Jones shared time with Lee Suggs in his past two seasons, meaning his body has significantly less wear and tear than other tailbacks may have. Jones may rival Davis to see who can get to 2,000 yards quicker.

The last one may be a stretch, because tight ends don't usually finish high in the Heisman voting, but Miami's Kellen Winslow may redefine the position and make himself a top-ten draft lock. Winslow grabbed 57 passes for 726 yards and 8 touchdowns last year, despite sharing the ball with running back Willis McGahee and receiver Andre Johnson. Winslow has great hands, is a pancake blocker and will have more highlights than an episode of Sports Center.

There are several other players who may get a whisper or two. At quarterback, Kansas State's Eli

Roberson, Florida State's Chris Rix, Miami's Brock Berlin, Arizona State's Andrew Walter and Washington's Cody Pickett should get serious recognition. Roberson has the feet of Michael Vick, but the arm of Eric Crouch. Rix has all the tools to be a great quarterback, but needs to shake the inconsistency bug. Berlin was the top-rated high school player four years ago, but got caught up in a logjam in Florida. He transferred to Miami and will lead the team Ken Dorsey left behind, but this is only his first year as the starter. Walter passed for 3,877 yards and Pickett threw for nearly 4,500 yards.

At running back, Bruce Perry received some Heisman kudos two years ago, but a groin injury sidelined him for most of last season. Perry hopes to rebound in strong fashion or else sophomore standout Josh Allen will get the starting gig. Miami's Frank Gore and Northern Illinois' Michael Turner are two other tailbacks that could make a Heisman splash. Gore was supposed to start last year for the Hurricane's before an injury sidelined him. McGahee filled in and the rest was history. Turner rushed for 1,915 yards last season, but plays in Heisman Limbo - Northern Illinois.

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